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First Services Held In New Church

Sunday, June 5th, was a day of great joy at Barium Springs because the new church was ready for use. The members of the congregation and the community have for more than ten months watched the construction proceed. For more than a decade thousands of people have been anticipating this day as they have sent in their memorials.

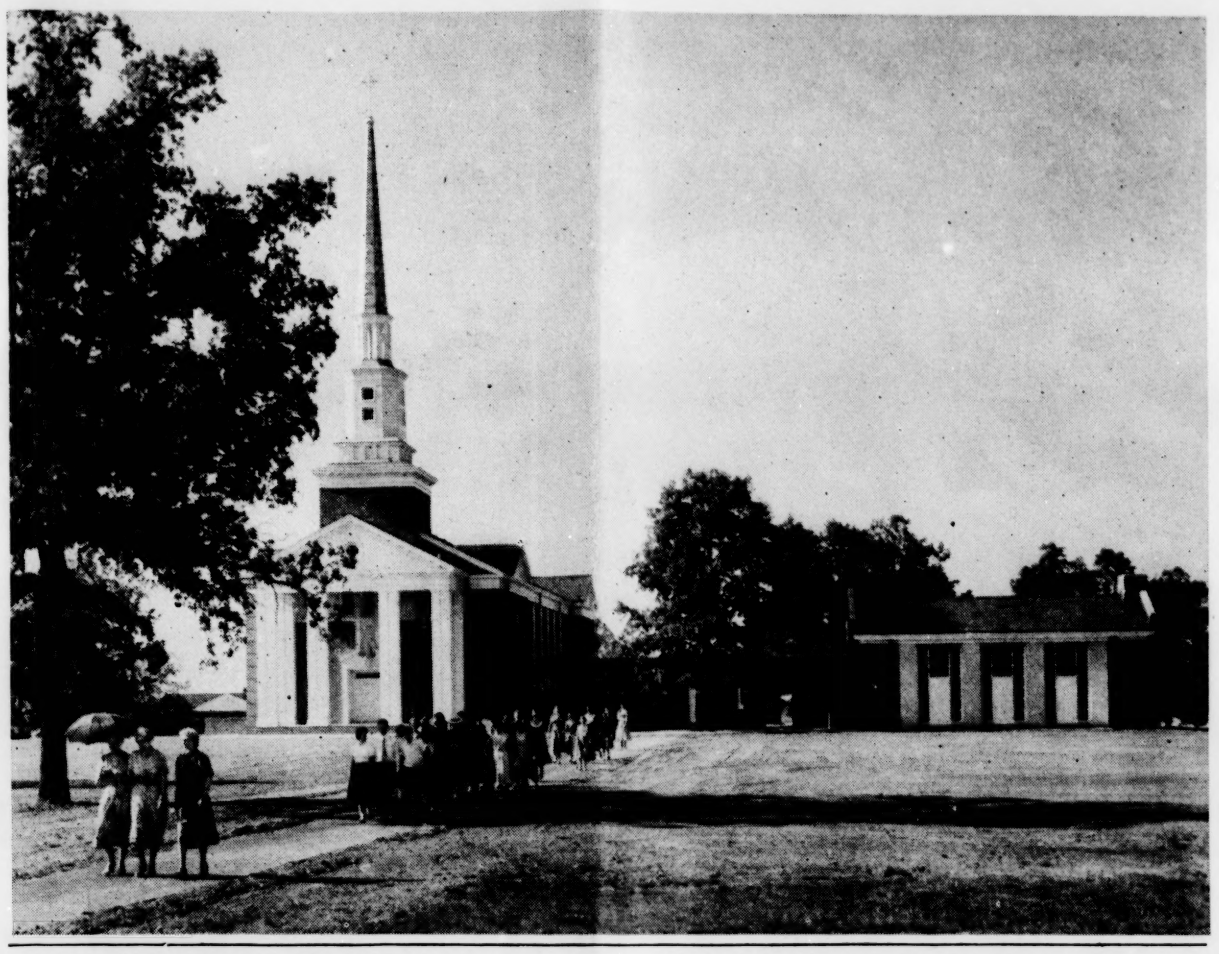
The funds for this church have come primarily from the gifts made in memory of loved ones and friends. The building stands as a memorial to them but will continue to be known as Little Joe's Presbyterian Church, carrying the name that has been a part of the church life of Barium Springs for a half-century.

The church is of colonial structure with a seating capacity of 500. It was designed by Architect Harold E. Wagoner of Philadelphia and erected by E. W. Wagoner and Sons of Salisbury, N. C. The two-manual Moller organ was provided for in the will of the late J. T. Montgomery, Statesville, N. C., as a memorial to his wife and himself.

This first service called together the congregation and many friends and former students who have long awaited the opportunity to worship God in this new edifice A cordial invitation is extended to others to worship with the congregation at any of the services.

Particular attention is called to a service of dedication for the organ on June19th at four o'clock in the afternoon. The church building can not be dedicated now, but the organ will be dedicated on the third Sunday in June. An invitation is extended to all who will come to this service to enjoy the loveliness of the new organ in the beautiful sanctuary. The dedication service will be under the leadership of the minister, the Reverend Robert R. Collins, and the guest organist will be Mr. Philip Gehring of the Music Department of Davidson College.

As this new church becomes a part of the life of the campus and the worship services continue in it, the congregation will eagerly anticipate the day of dedication. This will necessarily be delayed until the indebtedness can be removed by the memorial gifts which will continue. Those who send their contributions in memory of their loved ones and friends will bring to pass the day of dedication and rejoicing to the campus.



UNDER THE STEEPLE – Nuggets of News From Little Joe's Church

By Rev. R. R. Collins, Minister

The bells in the steeple of Little Joe's Church struck the eleven o'clock hour on Sunday morning, June 5th,opening the first service of worship in the new church building. As the organ called the congregation on its feet, some 450 voices sang, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise him all creatures here below . . ." With gratitude that came from our hearts we began our worship of Almighty God in the new sanctuary by entering "into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise."

Since this issue of the Messenger features the progress of the church from the ground breaking ceremonies until the day of the first service, few words are necessary. However, it is appropriate to comment on the large number of people who expressed their feeling that this beautiful new church is a most fitting memorial to all those whose memory it honors. It is the sincere wish of the congregation that every person who has had a part in the erection of this building may have the opportunity to worship in it. Pictures and words cannot capture the sense of God's presence which comes upon one as he enters into the lovely sanctuary.

To our Father in heaven, who by the inspiration of His Holy Spirit put it into the hearts and minds of countless persons to make this new church a reality, we offer our unfeigned thanks. As we worship Him in Little Joe's Church it is good for us to recall the words of our Savior when He said, "Truly I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." We pray that we may have the child-like trust and love of the Master that will enable us to be worthy of a place in His Kingdom.

Many Alumni Visit Campus For Commencement and Church Service

Newton Brown from Alamance was a week-end visitor at Barium.

Charles Stevens and Charles Barrett attended a Young Adult Retreat at Montreat with the Group from the Presbyterian Church in Chapel Hill.

Charles Barrett was in the cast of the Carolina Playmakers that presented Julius Caesar recently.

J. D. Everett is a member of the graduating class at the Naval Academy at Annapolis this year and will graduate in June.

Paul Barnes and Terrel Hall graduated at Catawba College.

Caroline Wicker was married to Donald Van Pelt Weddington May seventh at the Community Church in Pinehurst.

Elsie (Vest) and Paul Barnes were visitors at Barium.

Joyce and Terrell Hall were visitors at Barium recently.

Billy Hardin sent an invitation to his graduation from the Needham B. Broughton High School in Raleigh.

Linda Inman graduated from the Lumberton High School.

Edward Earl Lane sent an invitation to his graduation at the Laurinburg High School on May 31st.

Shirley Shaw graduated from the Tucson High School on May 31st.

Hazel Bass also graduated on the same date from Dunn High School.

Martha Nell Hall graduated from the Chadbourn High School.

Donald Dean has sent an invitation to his graduation from the Woodrow Wilson High School at Fingerville, Virginia on June sixth.

Lena McLean has entered the South Eastern Beauty School in Charlotte.

Lois Dellinger has accepted work with the Bell Telephone Company in Charlotte.

Baucom and Coble Awarded Ace Medals

The graduating exercises brought to a close the school year. As a part of the ceremonies of graduation awards were made to the outstanding students in the various departments of the school. The most coveted award in the student body is the Ace Medal which is given each year to the member of the senior class voted the most outstanding and having made the greatest progress in the school at Barium Springs. The winner was Edna Baucom who came to Barium from Wilmington, N. C. Edna is working during the summer and plans to enter Appalachian State Teachers College in the fall to prepare herself for a teaching career. As a student, she distinguished herself in the Senior High Fellowship; in athletics, on the basketball team; in the school work, in the Beta Club, and on the campus, in the general activities.

The member of the alumni chosen by the committee to receive the award was Mrs. Glenn Coble, the former Helen Brown, who graduated from Barium Springs in 1931. During her days at the Home she manifested an unusual ability in leadership in the classroom, in the school activities, and in the life on the campus in general. Since leaving the campus, she has married and established a home, and is regular and dependable in the work of her church, continuing the high principles manifested in her character in her early days. She now lives in Alamance, N. C.

Joyce Kelly was awarded the Bible and Salutatory Medals; Delores Ramsey, the Music Medal, with Joyce Ferrell taking the runner-up position in this honor. Mary Emma McClure was given the Valedictory Medal, and others were recognized for improvement during the year.

Jackie Kuykendall is working for the Bell Telephone Company in Charlotte.

Lee Roy Norman and Mirton Cox spent the week-end at Barium. Mirton has joined the Air Force and will report to Lakland Air Base at San Antonio, Texas on June 2nd.

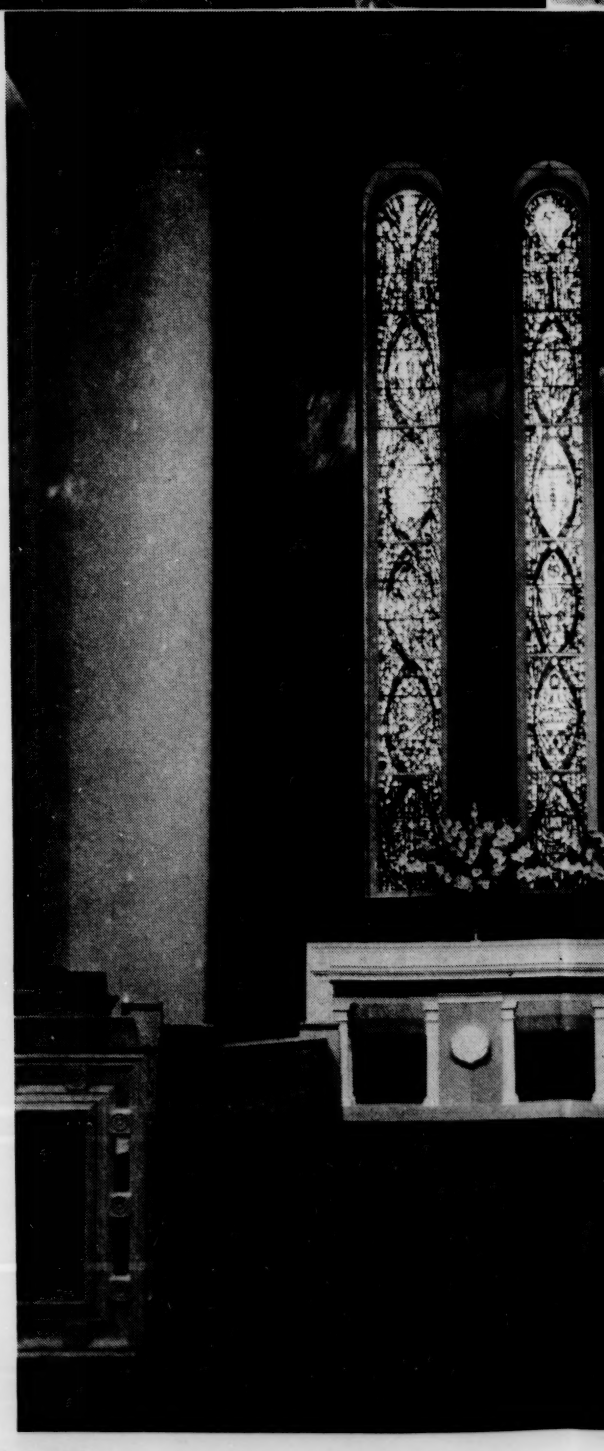
Jerry Williams is spending a few days at Barium. He has been discharged from the Army, having served two years.

Mrs. David Andrews (Bonnie Finley) gave birth to a son on April 12th. The boy's name is Stephen Terry.









Before, during and after the first service, Max Tharpe, outstanding photographer of North Carolina, made the pictures which are used in this issue of the Messenger.

Miss Charlotte Calhoun, Summer organist is seated at the two-manual Moller organ which was made possible by the will of the late J. T. Montgomery and which will be a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery.

The second picture shows the service in progress. The nave was filled and the overflow of the hundreds of people attending were in the balcony.

Reverend Robert R. Collins, pastor of the church, is shown at the Lectern with the Word of God open.

In the fourth picture are Mr. and Mrs. Collins and Steve, caught by the cameraman as they were leaving the church-yard.

The first picture in the second row shows the members of the choir which was made up of young people and adults of the congregation. Miss Catherine Edgerton, the first in the front row, was soloist for the morning service.

The center picture shows the chancel window with the retable and the communion table.

The last picture to the right shows the minister greeting the people at the front door. The man with whom he is shaking hands is Mr. Alonzo Litaker, a neighbor of Barium Springs, whose land joins that of the Home.









The three lancet windows in the chancel can be fully appreciated only when seen in the beauty of their color. Mr. Henry Lee Willett of Philadelphia has designed these windows to tell the great story of God's purpose in the world.

At the top of the first window is the creative hand of God and each section of the window in its symbolism tells the story of the Old Testament. The center window symbolizes the Son of God with the gospel story. The third window symbolizes the Holy Spirit and witness of the Church in the world. Thus, the worshipper as he enters the church centers his thoughts upon the Almighty God, His Salvation for men, and His call for witnesses in the Kingdom.

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